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SUBJECT: US/EC CONSULTATIONS: VIET-NAM REFUGEES

1. WE WERE BRIEFED MAY 6 BY NOEL DORR, IRISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR,
AND HIS DEPUTY JOHN CAMPBELL, ON A MEETING OF EC AMBASSADORS
PREVIOUS DAY. SUBJECT WAS VIET-NAM REFUGEE PROBLEM AND US APPROACHES
TO EUROPEANS FOR ASSISTANCE. IRISH PASSED TO THEIR COLLEAGUES SOME
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
FROM AMBASSADOR BROWN'S OFFICE. ALL OF NINE REPORTED THAT THEIR
GOVTS WERE LOOKING AT PROBLEM SYMPATHETICALLY. MOST WANTED SOME ADDIT
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IONAL TIME TO SIZE UP THE PROBLEM AND RELATE IT TO DOMESTIC SITUATIONS. SOME ALREADY HAVE REFUGEES ON THEIR TERRITORY, ESPECIALLY FROM EMBASSY STAFFS. DANES ALSO HAVE SOME MONTAGNARD ORPHANS, AND BRITISH HAVE A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FROM REFUGEES.

2. DURING AMBASSADORS' DISCUSSION, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT DIMENSIONS OF PROBLEM AND RESPONSE VARY GREATLY FROM CAPITAL TO CAPITAL, AND DECISION WAS TAKEN TO REPLY TO USG THROUGH BILATERAL CHANNELS. JOINT EC RESPONSE WOULD TAKE MORE TIME. EC WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THE REFUGEE QUESTION AS A BODY. NEXT OPPORTUNITY WILL PROBABLY BE AT POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING MAY 13, AFTER WHICH WE WILL REQUEST A BRIEFING.

3. WE USED OPPORTUNITY TO ASK IRISH IF THEY WERE IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY RESPONSE OF THEIR OWN, AND THEY REGRETTED THAT THEY WERE NOT. WE ARE AWARE FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT CABINET HAS BEEN HAVING DIFFICULT MEETINGS ON NORTHERN IRELAND PROBLEM, AND THIS MAY BE SLOWING DOWN GOI DECISIONS. IRISH ARE CLEARLY WELL AWARE OF URGENCY WE ATTACH TO VIET-NAM REFUGEE QUESTION.
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